## STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; since its adoption by the United Nations in 1975, International Women's Day has been celebrated around the world every year on March 8; and

WHEREAS; International Women's Day is a time to celebrate the achievements of women everywhere and the vital role that women play in our global society; and

WHEREAS; while Wisconsin has a long history at the forefront of women's equality movements, it is important to recognize that discrimination and violence on the basis of gender – intersected by race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other social factors – persist; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's International Women's Day, "Choose to Challenge," calls on all of us to challenge gender bias and inequality wherever we see it and to take meaningful action towards a more equitable and inclusive world; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in reflecting on the countless contributions of women to our state and country, and in uniting in the fight for the liberation of all women and all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2021, as

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

FONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State